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Total number of copies not returned

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Notary Public

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

day of June, 1899.

(Seal) Notary Public

Parties Leaving for the Summer.

Parties leaving the city for the

summer may have The Bee sent to

them regularly by notifying The

Bee business office, in person or by

mail.

The address will be changed as

often as desired.

Dreyfus will now occupy the top

place again on the French news bulletin.

No need to worry about Samoa as

long as Consul General Osborn of Blair

is there.

The Greater America Exposition is ad-

vertising "the warmest Midway in his-

tory." We trust this does not refer to

the state of the thermometer.

Colonel Bryan and Colin Harvey lose

nothing by their efforts at galvanizing

dead issues into a semblance of life.

They get pay for their work in 100-cent

dollars.

The man with the gold brick has not

yet tackled South Omaha bankers and

stock dealers, but he might find a

profitable field there judging from

recent reports.

Harvesting first-crop alfalfa has al-

ready begun in Nebraska. The intro-

duction of alfalfa has opened a new

and profitable field which the Nebraska

farmer is not neglecting.

Omaha is still a trifle on the wrong

side of the clearing house ledger.

Where is the trouble? Is it true that

part of the South Omaha clearings are

still kept out of the footings?

And now it is cabled all the way from

Madrid that Spain's new war taxes are

decidedly unpopular. We would like to

know where war taxes, or any other

taxes, for that matter, are popular.

Extra session talk is on the increase.

That call of a special election to fill

the vacancy caused by the death of

Congressman Greene of the Sixth Ne-

braska district should be hurried up.

The automobile exhibition is attract-

ing great attention in Paris. At the

present rate of progress it will be the

exhibition of horses and horse-drawn

vehicles that will attract the attention

ten years from now.

An English syndicate is said to be

trying to corner the cattle market by

buying up the output of all the Texas

ranges. But they should remember this

is a market hard to bull, and the round-

up may prove disastrous before it is

over.

The local fusion organ has not yet

given space to the resolutions of the

Douglas county democracy proclaiming

the determination to support and vote

for democrats for places on the district

bench. "When you want news while it

is news."

With twenty-eight out of thirty-three

members of the republican state com-

mittee present at its meeting and only

three of them by proxy, there need be

no question as to the intense interest

taken among republican workers in the

party success.

Perhaps it is worthy of note that

nothing serious threatened the health of

Warden Leidligh so long as the legis-

lature was in session, when the appoint-

ment of a successor would have re-

quired confirmation by the senate be-

fore it could take effect.

While the city is drawing 2 per cent

on its deposits the county funds are ly-

ing in the unbonded depositories with-

out a penny's interest. Why cannot

the county at least secure some income

from the sinking fund, which can be

deposited for a fixed time with im-

punity?

The first of July will soon be here

and the county officers should be re-

quired to hand in semi-annual state-

ments of receipts and disbursements

for the previous six months. The way

to avoid scandal and contention over

delinquent public funds is to carry on

business in a business way

## AN UNCALLED-FOR ATTACK.

The attack made upon The Bee in the  
shape of a letter blazoned in black  
type on the front page of the Omaha  
World-Herald over an apparently start-  
ling array of names of citizens of the  
afflicted town of Herman is both un-  
called-for and unworthy of the people  
who have been the beneficiaries in their  
need of philanthropic assistance from  
the people of Nebraska, including The  
Bee.

The meat and inspiration of the  
whole arraignment are contained in the  
following threat of a boycott on The  
Bee in favor of its popocratic contem-  
porary:

Inasmuch as we have been liberal par-  
tisans of The Bee we are at a loss to com-  
prehend its motives and, therefore, we  
pledged ourselves to patronize the World  
Herald.

In this free country every person able  
to read has a perfect right to patronize  
any newspaper he wishes, but lest a  
wrong impression may be given, it is  
fair to state that the last report of  
newspaper circulation at Herman was  
as follows:

Herman, Neb.—Population, 350; railroad,  
M. & O.; Bee subscribers, total, 21; World-  
Herald, total, 15; State Journal, total, 3.

While The Bee would regret to lose  
on any account its patrons, either at  
Herman or elsewhere, it will continue  
to publish the only fearless, metropolitan,  
up-to-date newspaper in these  
parts, giving every subscriber the full  
worth of his money. While on the sub-  
ject of the Herman affair, however, it  
may be pertinent to touch upon some  
of the other aspects in language a lit-  
tle plainer than has heretofore been used.

In the first place, The Bee is above all  
a newspaper and not a brass band  
charity bazaar working free advertising  
by distributing other people's donations  
to stricken unfortunates. In the mat-  
ter of the Herman tornado, The Bee  
was first in giving the public prompt,  
accurate and complete news of the dis-  
aster, exaggerating nothing and dis-  
torting nothing. The Bee did not stig-  
matize the good people of Herman and  
their neighbors as vandals and outlaws  
or call upon the governor to summon  
the state militia to keep them from  
robbing one another. That terrible and  
unfounded charge was made by the  
Omaha Herald, which in its sensation-  
seeking frenzy did not hesitate to brand  
the whole community as a hot-bed of  
crime. If any paper has misrep-  
resented the condition of affairs at Her-  
man it is not The Bee.

In the second place, when The Bee  
said that "so far as the immediate bod-  
ily wants are concerned the community  
is taking care of its own and supplies  
from distant points are not  
needed" it did so upon the authority  
of members of the local relief com-  
mittees, who were presumed to know the  
situation. The demands after the sec-  
ond day were not to supply immediate  
bodily wants, but to restore the wreck-  
age and enable the people to resume  
their accustomed avocations with the  
least delay.

In the third place, a word as to the  
relief work. In this case, as in all  
other worthy cases, The Bee has been  
to the front not only in apprising the  
charitably inclined of the occasion and  
necessity for their assistance, but also  
in material contributions of its own.  
The Bee contributed \$50 in cash to the  
Commercial club relief fund and free  
advertising space, for which hundreds  
of dollars would ordinarily have been  
charged, to the various benefit entertain-  
ments whose proceeds in whole or in  
part were to be devoted to the Herman  
sufferers. The Bee, moreover, trans-  
mitted to the local relief committee the  
contributions of Hastings, Neb., and  
Clarks, Neb., amounting to nearly \$150,  
which were sent to its editor to be ap-  
plied to the proper purpose. All this was  
done without brag or bluster.

Has any one heard of any one con-  
nected with the proprietorship of the  
World-Herald going down into his  
pockets for a single dollar to be con-  
tributed to the various relief funds? Is  
it not true that the only offer of cash  
emanating from that paper was the  
harsh offer of \$50 reward for the ar-  
rest and conviction of the parties  
said to have removed the sign from the  
World-Herald relief bureau and thereby  
to have deprived that paper of some of  
the self-advertisement it was making at  
the expense of sympathetic donors?

The defeated popocratic candidate for  
congress of last year, who in his an-  
xiety to try again is frantically endeavor-  
ing to acquire favor for his paper and  
votes for himself with the charity con-  
tributions of others, may have suc-  
ceeded in fooling some of the good peo-  
ple of Herman, but in attaching their  
signatures to a document attacking The  
Bee, prepared at popocratic instigation,  
they have allowed themselves to be  
used as cat's-paws for political and mer-  
cenary ends. No one should misun-  
derstand the motives of The Bee. Neither  
should they misunderstand the motives  
of the popocratic fakery.

## AMERICAN COMPETITION.

The report a few days ago that the  
Russian government had made a con-  
tract in this country for a very large  
amount of steel rails, while not con-  
firmed, is by no means incredible. There  
is no doubt of the fact that American  
competition in this and other directions  
with European manufacturers is steadily  
winning favor for this country and  
the fact is exciting no little interest  
abroad, particularly in England, whose  
manufacturers are the chief sufferers  
from American competition in the for-  
eign markets.

At the recent annual meeting of the  
British Iron Trade association the pres-  
ident of that body admitted that Amer-  
ican furnaces could produce steel and  
iron at fully three dollars a ton  
less than they could be produced for in  
England, and others who presented  
their views on that occasion were de-  
cidedly pessimistic in regard to the fu-  
ture of American competition in its ef-  
fect upon the British steel and iron  
trade. Just now that trade is active  
by reason of the naval construction  
which the government is carrying on,  
but one of the most prominent men en-  
gaged in the iron and steel industry said  
the trade had occasion to consider  
what employment they could secure for  
their machinery when the orders of the

admiralty ceased. In further debate it  
was shown that the high freight charges  
on British railroads and the superiority  
of American appliances had much to do  
with the ability of the United States  
to compete with Great Britain.

There has been a wonderful develop-  
ment of American enterprise in this di-  
rection within the last two years.  
Branches of American manufactures  
have been established in the principal  
cities of England and it is said that  
the influx of American commercial men  
is a constant surprise to Englishmen,  
who are just beginning to realize what  
American commercial rivalry means. A  
recent London dispatch states that en-  
tire sections of streets in that city are  
now lined with the signs of American  
firms in every line of trade, and a  
prominent iron manufacturer of Man-  
chester is quoted as saying that "the  
main significance of the impoverishing  
of manufacturing firms is that the  
Americans are not only underselling us  
here, but they are making their agencies  
bases from which they are gradually  
reaching out into every country in Eu-  
rope."

Little wonder in view of this that  
some British manufacturers should be  
found favoring the protection policy  
and that in the ranks of British labor  
this policy should be gaining ground.  
So far as this country is concerned the  
facts abundantly vindicate the Ameri-  
can principle.

## ELEVATE THE STANDARD.

For more than a quarter of a century  
the public school system of Omaha has  
been controlled and managed by an  
elective Board of Education. Respond-  
ing to the popular demand for the high-  
est standard of education in our public  
schools the first board imported into  
Omaha as superintendent of public  
schools Prof. Nightingale, then already  
an educator of high rank, who has since  
achieved a national reputation. Later  
on Prof. James, an experienced educator  
who had occupied the position of as-  
sistant superintendent of the public  
schools at Cleveland, was induced to ac-  
cept the position first occupied by Prof.  
Nightingale. Other educators of known  
ability and experience succeeded James  
and made the public schools of Omaha a  
source of honest pride of its citizens.

In every instance when a change in the  
superintendency of Omaha's public  
schools was made it was with the  
avowed purpose of elevating the stand-  
ard of our public school system to the  
highest plane possible with the generous  
income at the disposal of the school  
board.

The first retrograde step was taken  
four years ago, when one of the most  
eminent men in the profession was  
trist aside in favor of a man of limited  
experience, whose highest earnings up  
to that time had been \$100 per month  
for ten months in the year. Granting  
even that the summary deposition of  
Prof. Marble was in the interest of bet-  
ter school government the board of 1895  
had no right deliberately to ignore the  
imperative need of Omaha for the ablest  
man that could be found to accept the  
responsibility of superintending our  
public schools at the salary paid to  
Prof. Marble. The pretense of econ-  
omy could not possibly have been urged  
as an excuse for jumping the principal  
of the Beatrice High school over the  
heads of men then in Omaha who were  
known to be his superiors in point of  
education and experience. The fact  
that we have for two years past paid  
\$3,600 a year to a man who would have  
felt extremely gratified to have served  
in the same position for half that sum  
affords abundant proof that the policy  
of the board was not inspired by a de-  
sire for economy.

Whether the experiment of making  
our school system a training school for  
inexperienced superintendents has  
proved a success is problematic. So far  
as outside observation goes the stand-  
ard of education has not been elevated  
by the process. It is to be feared that  
the impending change of principals  
of the High school is also an experi-  
ment liable to retrograde instead of  
raising the educational standard. There  
may be a long felt want for a man of  
first-class talent to fill the position of  
principal of the High school. If so it  
was the duty of the board to look for  
such a man in one of the larger cities  
in which he has had ample opportunity  
to prove his quality as an assistant  
principal. Instead of that the board has  
offered the position to a man who lacks  
the essential prerequisite of a university  
education and therefore cannot be ex-  
pected to impart instruction that would  
fit young men and women for the uni-  
versity. Without disparaging his ex-  
ecutive ability, which is said to be of  
high order, it is exceedingly doubtful  
whether the experience at Lincoln quali-  
fies him for work that requires years of  
experience in a metropolitan high school.

Is it not about time for the  
Board of Education to realize that a  
city of Omaha's pretensions should en-  
deavor to keep the standard of its pub-  
lic schools at the highest ideal instead  
of lowering it from year to year?

Patrons of The Bee yesterday had  
the privilege of reading several important  
pieces of news which they could find in  
no other paper. Among them were the  
outline of the proposed big canal and  
power plant for Omaha, the declaration  
of another dividend to Transmississippi  
Exposition stockholders, the report of  
the populist mass-meeting to protest  
against the displacement of populist  
officeholders for the benefit of demo-  
cratic place seekers and so on. "If you  
want news when it is news."

During the hard times eastern job-  
bers would not sell Nebraska merchants  
a dollar's worth of goods unless paid  
for in advance. Now the eastern drum-  
mers are invading the state in droves  
and doing their level best to displace  
the western jobbers who have carried  
the Nebraska retail trade when they had  
to borrow money to enable them to do so.

Governor Roosevelt strikes the key-  
note of municipal reform when he de-  
clares that tax burdens in cities must  
be equalized so as to make the heavy  
property owners pay as much toward  
maintaining city government as the  
poor man who owns a cottage. That  
this truism has not yet impressed itself

upon Omaha and Douglas county assess-  
ors was manifested by the recent as-  
sessment of the Belt Line railroad. The  
value of the Belt Line as represented  
by stocks and bonds issued by the cor-  
poration is \$8,000,000. The valuation  
as returned by the assessors is \$101,000  
and the valuation as fixed by the State